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Subject: Additions to the Designated Area of Eligibility for Award of the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal

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A. AR 600-8-22, Military Awards, dated 11 December 2006.

1. The Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense has approved the countries of Azerbaijan, Nigeria, Sierra, Leone, Senegal, Tanzania and Tunisia as additions to the designated areas of eligibility (AOE) for award of the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOTEM). Soldiers serving in these areas on or after 11 September 2001 in support of GWOT operations (Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and Operation IRAQI FREEDOM) and who meet the criteria outlined in Ref A are authorized to be awarded the GWOTEM.

2. The complete listing of AOE's for award of the GWOTEM are as follows: Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria (Bourgas), Chad, Columbia, Crete, Cyprus, Diego Garcia, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Georgia, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Hungary, Iran, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kosovo (only specific GWOT operations not associated with operations qualifying for the Kosovo Campaign Medal), Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Romania (Constanta), Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Syria, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, Yeman, that portion of the Arabian Sea north of 10 degrees north latitude and west of 68 degrees longitude, Bab El Mandeb, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Aqaba, Gulf of Oman, Gulf of Suez, that portion of the Mediterranean Sea east of 28 degrees east longitude and boarding and searching vessel operations, Persian Gulf, Red Sea, Strait of Hormuz, and Suez Canal.

3. The processing procedures for the GWOTEM are outlined in Ref A.

4. Question pertaining to this message should be referred to the Military Awards Branch homepage at:
<https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/active/TAGD/awards/index.htm>.